

WEST OAKLAND

PLANNING *7th Street Streetscape Planning Study:* The City of Oakland, in cooperation with BART and other project partners, received a Caltrans Environmental Justice Grant in 2002/2003 to develop a streetscape plan for 7th Street, adjacent to the West Oakland BART Station. The key goals of the plan are to develop a pedestrian-friendly environment and revitalize the retail district. The project kick-off meeting was held in the winter of 2003. The study is scheduled for completion in June 2004.

Alameda Point Gondola Study: The City of Alameda and the developer of Alameda Point (the former Alameda Naval Base) have proposed a privately-financed aerial gondola connection from Alameda to the City of Oakland. The first level of Analysis has been completed. Alignment options include Alameda Point to the West Oakland BART Station and Alameda Point to the 12th Street BART Station with a stop at Jack London Square. Further analysis is anticipated to examine ridership estimates. BART will continue to work with the developer, the City of Alameda, the City of Oakland, and neighborhood groups to examine the implications of this proposal on the BART system.

West Oakland Transit Village: Memorandum of Understanding was executed between BART, the Oakland Housing Authority (OHA) and City of Oakland Community and Economic Development Agency (CEDA), to advance transit-oriented development and neighborhood revitalization goals for West Oakland. The Tri-Agency Team commissioned Michael Willis Architects to develop an action plan to guide both public and private development in phases that build upon one another. The *West Oakland Transit Village Action Plan* calls for replacing existing surface parking lots, some industrial land uses and other underutilized lots with higher density mixed-use residential, office and retail uses which are critically needed for revitalization and desired by resident stakeholders. Major proposed developments on the primary opportunity sites include 500+ residential units and 8,000 to 12,000+ square feet of retail development with parking.

DEVELOPMENT The Oakland Housing Authority's Mandela Gateway project is underway with 143 apartments and 19 single family units. In keeping with the established community vision, in August 2003, the BART Board authorized a developer solicitation to both identify a project for BART's property and to increase commuter parking at or near the station. BART is working with the City of Oakland to prepare and release the developer solicitation.

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS This station has had new, ADA-compliant platform edge tiles installed. Additionally, 53 new bike racks were installed and, in 2003, 8 of the old-style, gray, plastic bike lockers were replaced with new see-through metal electronic "Club" style lockers as part of a test to increase bike locker capacity and safety at BART.

REINVESTMENT This station had new, energy efficient lighting fixtures and lamps installed throughout the station parking lot and had the station canopy re-roofed in 2003. This station is also scheduled to have energy efficient lighting fixtures and lamps installed within the station in 2004. These projects are part of ongoing station renovation program activities.